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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.
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C. N. R. Highlights

Here are some highlights in the report of the Canadian National Railways annual report, tabled in the House of Commons yesterday. They show that the year was by long odds the busiest and most successful financially in the Railway's history.

The Population Crisis

The so-called white race is estimated to have increased from 150 millions in 1770 to 635 millions by 1939, says the monthly review of the Department of Immigration and Colonization of the C.P.R. This vast increase parallels the growth in applied science and the industrial revolution.

Bacon and Ham For England

One-half of the minimum contract for pork products to be shipped to Britain this year will have been purchased in the first three months of the year, Agriculture Minister Gardiner told a Montreal audience last week.

thority for the statement that those ships which do arrive are not being loaded as expeditiously as they might be at certain ports. It is heard that it is taking weeks, instead of days, to load ships, and that a vast number of refrigerator cars are being tied up in the East as a result.

Obliged To Rest

There will be widespread sympathy with Mr. Ilsley, the Minister of Finance, says an exchange, over the unfortunate breakdown of his health, which will compel him after he has concluded some Governmental business in Washington to take a complete rest.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Spring Equinox. Let us look out—a thaw is on its way. Councillor N. S. Sanford, Amherst, N.S., has been appointed chairman of the Winter Fair Commission, and Mr. R. D. Crawford been re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Hope Premier Jones will return laden with a certification that the Federal Government is going to do something more for us than hand out promises. Breaches of promise have been characteristic of the King Government since its return to power.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Henry J. Phillips, Contractor, must come as a surprise to many who were unaware of his serious indisposition. He was of a quiet, unostentatious nature, and did not come much before the public, but was a keen, successful business man.

The Hon. Georges Dansereau, Minister of Public Works, in the Quebec Government has been sworn in as Minister of Roads, in succession to the Hon. Senator T. D. Bouchard, Mr. Dansereau sits for Argenteuil. He was made minister of the Godbout cabinet in 1939 but without portfolio, and was given the public works portfolio in the fall of 1942, after it had previously been held since 1939 by Mr. Bouchard.

Thomas Hughes, English author, died this date 1896; born at Uffington, Berkshire, he joined the Christian Socialist Movement in 1888, and was one of the founders and principals of the Working Men's College, London; presided at the first Co-operative Congress in 1869; member of Parliament from 1865 to 1874; he published anonymously "Tom Brown's School Days" in 1857, which was an instant success, and four years later followed it up with "Tom Brown at Oxford": "Life isn't all beer and skittles".

Hopes for resuming the production of some civilian articles in the United States were dealt a body blow by the Army's insistence on shifting more young men from the factories to the fighting fronts. The makers of munitions face the fact that the military has made its choice between their manpower and their materials.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of questions of interest. The opinions expressed are those of correspondents.

WAS IT 'EYEWASH'?

Sir—Are the offices of the Charlottetown Patriot being cleaned? Did the transformation effected by a well applied coat of whitewash to soiled and smoky ceilings, inspire the leading article in last Saturday's issue of the Patriot?

PROHIBITION.

Sir—I read with interest the bill presented by the Federation of Agriculture on Rural Electrification, and would like to say that one small item with which I am familiar is the "Dunk" furnishes light and power to Kensington, Margate, Freetown, Kinkora, Seartown and Bedouque and surrounding districts, and this is only using about one mile of the river.

ELECTRIC - HYDRO

Sir—Just think what great fish and game attraction these electric dams would make, and what a great boon it would be for the tourist trade. There should be something done about the unfair war tax that is levied on small users.

THE SNAKES IN IRELAND

Sir—St. Patrick's Day is reminiscent of other St. Patrick's Days and brings to our mind the Patron Saint of Ireland, who as legend would have it, is credited with chasing all the snakes out of that island.

"JOHN OF THE LILACS"

Prince Edward Island.

ACTION WANTED NOW

Sir—A summing-up of the recent letters on the matter of continuous communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland is this: that the tunnel project is not only the most favored one, but also the most workable.

The Poets' Corner

SONNET
Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,
So do our teardrops fall from eyes to their end;

DODDS KIDNEY PILLS

May I present a plan, First, I will challenge the Charlottetown Board of Trade, also the Summer Board, to lend their championship to this project at once, and do it boldly and vigorously.

Lenten Meditations

from The London Times

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

"Religious knowledge" is a term often used with little grasp of its full meaning. There are indeed two kinds of religious knowledge, as of religion itself.

Knowledge obtained by tradition is, however, a necessary part of every one's religious education. Every one gains his earliest acquaintance with religion from others, and even when the type of religious knowledge has been increased by private study, it remains a means, not an end.

It is quite another to have a creed which is the speaker's own because it has been limited to his personal life, when, like St. Paul, he is able to say "I know him in whom I have become aware of this difference may often be the remedy needed by many who are commonly accepted, that the writer's famous fictional character, Sherlock Holmes was based on that real-life person, Dr. Joseph Bell of Edinburgh University, under whom Doyle studied medicine. This version, as any reader is aware, is more than one literary reference, and apparently Sir Arthur himself did not object to the fact that he was so closely associated with the name of a real person, Dr. Joseph Bell, who had previously turned out one on Bernard Shaw. But this time the story has not gone unchallenged. On the contrary, it has been denied on the best of authority.

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Other feasible and more forcible means will be suggested by other writers. I am, Sir, etc. A. L. WRIGHT, Charlottetown, March 21.

Mr. Pattullo's Joke

(Vancouver Herald-Tribune) As was to be expected, Mr. Pattullo's little bit for the newspapers to print unaltered, and he said as much to anyone who chose to think himself criticized, or slighted in print, failed miserably on second reading. Mr. Pattullo smilingly remarked that he never expected it to pass. Evidently Mr. Pattullo likes his little joke.

Conan Doyle Was 'Sherlock'

Long before the death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, there was a legend abroad, and rather commonly accepted, that the writer's famous fictional character, Sherlock Holmes was based on that real-life person, Dr. Joseph Bell of Edinburgh University, under whom Doyle studied medicine. This version, as any reader is aware, is more than one literary reference, and apparently Sir Arthur himself did not object to the fact that he was so closely associated with the name of a real person, Dr. Joseph Bell, who had previously turned out one on Bernard Shaw. But this time the story has not gone unchallenged. On the contrary, it has been denied on the best of authority.

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